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1. EMBASSY AGREES GENERALLY WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED IN DRAFT SURVEY ABOUT STATE OF CURRENT ECONOMIC UPSWING (SEE EMBASSY' S AIRGRAMS UNDER REFERENCE). IN FACT, FINANCE MINISTRY HAS JUST REVISED ITS ESTIMATE OF 1973 GNP GROWTH TO 5 PER CENT, FROM 4.3 PERCENT IN PRELIMINARY BUDGET REPORT.

2. WHILE SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOR WILL LIKELY DEVELOP, IT PROBABLY WILL NOT OCCUR AS EARLY AS SURVEY SUGGESTS. ON OTHER HAND, RECENT SWEDISH- FINNISH ACCORD ON IMMIGRATION IS EXPECTED TO REDUCE LEVEL OF FINNISH LABOR MIGRATION TO SWEDEN OR AT LEAST MAKE IT LESS RESPONSIVE TO SWEDISH LABOR MARKET SITUATION.

3. RE PARA 26 OF SURVEY, THERE ARE INCREASING COMPLAINTS FROM WHITE- COLLAR WORKERS AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATES ABOUT DIFFICULTIES
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IN FINDING EMPLOYMENT.

4. FINALLY, WE QUESTION ADVISABILITY OF MORE GOVERNMENT INTER-VENTION IN PRICE AND WAGE MATTERS GIVEN GOVERNMENT'S TRACK RECORD AND INHERENT INCLINATION TOWARD INTERVENTION. RIKSDAG APPROVED ON MAY 3 MEASURE GIVING GOVERNMENT GREATER POWERS TO CONTROL PRICES. ON WAGES, INDUSTRY IS COMPLAINING THAT CURRENT4. NIESEWAND ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT: A) HE THOUGH RHODESIA HOPED TO GET SETTLEMENT WITH BRITAIN LATER THIS YEAR AND THAT HIS DETENTION AND RELEASE WERE SOMEHOW RELATED TO THIS; B) HE BELIEVED HIS DETENTION WAS PARTLY INTENDED AS INTIMIDATION OF THE PRESS AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF ALLEGED CONTRAVENTIONS OF OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT; C) NEWS REPORTS WHICH FORMED BASIS OF CHARGES AGAINST HIM REFERRED TO RHODESIAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR AGAINST GUERILLAS IN MOZAMBIQUE.

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